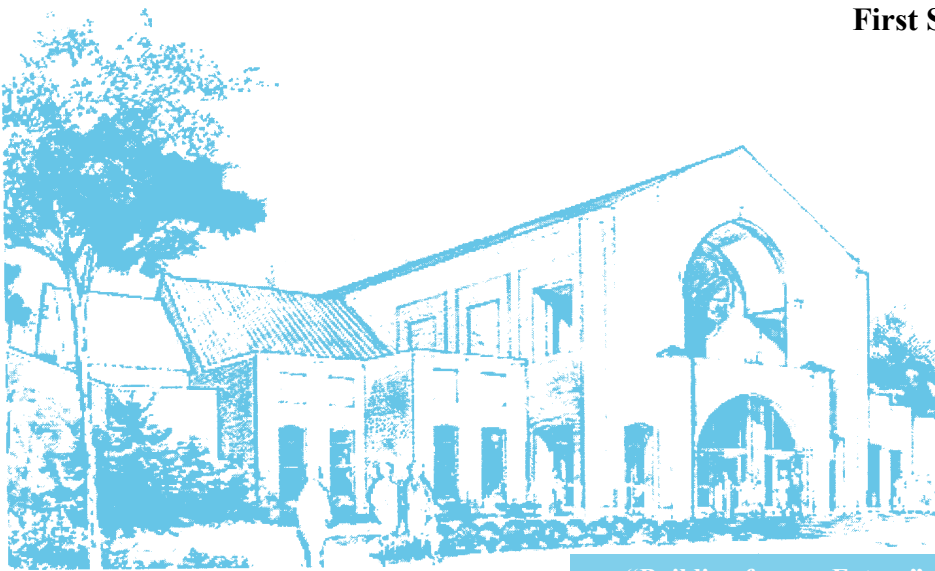


Saint Cecilia Catholic Community

February 25, 2007

First Sunday of Lent



“Building for our Future”

We are called one by one and as a community to become part of the living presence of Jesus Christ. We are united with the Father and strengthened and enlivened by the Holy Spirit. We are committed daily to love and serve others as Jesus did.

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday, 5:00PM

Sunday, 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Sunday: 5:00PM Misa en Español, Chapel

Weekday: Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00AM, Chapel

Holyday: Consult the bulletin

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation (Reconciliación) English & Español

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Anytime by appointment. (Cualquier horario para una cita)

Marriage (Matrimonio)

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to wedding date. (Contacta la oficina de la parroquia al menos seis meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio).

Baptism (Bautismo)

To participate in the Baptismal Program please call the Parish Office. Instruction for parents is required. (Para participar en el programa bautismal, por favor llama a la oficina de la parroquia. Instrucción para los padres es requerida.)

Sick Calls (Llamados para enfermos)

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the sacraments. (Llama a la oficina de la parroquia para hacer arreglo y recibir los sacramentos.)

Catholic Charities : Located at St. Thomas Aquinas — 292-2759

Religious Education for the whole parish family



Generations of Faith

March 4, Noon

March 7, 5:30PM

March 11, 5:00PM

March topic: Lenten Prayer

Pre-school

Program is held during 10:30AM Mass the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. March sessions: 4 & 18

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

YIKES!

(Youth Increasing Knowledge About Everything Spiritual)

March 21: Movie Night—time and flick to be announced, check the website.

Visit the Webpage at www.stceciliaparish.org, go to "Middle School Youth Group" for a schedule of activities.

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

February 28 (Grade 10) 7-8:30PM: Class

NCYC—Is it for you? Don't miss a chance to witness with 25,000 other Catholic teens—music, workshops, keynote speakers. Columbus, Ohio, November 8-11. \$400.00 includes transportation and lodging. Contact Joe for more information.

Appalachia Service Trip applications are available in the RE office. Forms must be completed with deposit of \$125. Verbal commitments not accepted due to number of expected applications.

Adult Education

Scripture Study: Meets Mondays, 7:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth room. Next session, February 26.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets in the A/Y Room, 9:30-10:00AM for open discussion and 10-11:00AM for Bible Study. Baby-sitting provided. Next session: February 27.

Baptism

Our next preparation session is Thursday, March 29, 6:30-9:00PM in the Adult/Youth Room. All parents seeking baptism for their child are expected to attend a preparation session. To register for the class or schedule a baptism, please call the parish office at 233-3092.



Stations of the Cross 6:00PM, Lenten Fridays

Adult Education, Social Hall, 7:00PM

Wednesday, February 28—*The Mass: What We Do and Why We Do It*, Fr. Heman

Wednesday, March 21—*The Light and the Lens*—

Understanding Scripture and Tradition, Deacon John McCully

Wednesday, March 28—*Living Water: Understanding the Gift of New Life through Baptism*. Fr. Nienhaus

Lenten Religious Goods and Book Sale, after all Masses this weekend. This is an excellent opportunity to invest in spiritual reading material for Lent or purchase gifts for First Eucharist or Confirmation.

Sponsored by Family Life Committee

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sixty Plus Group will meet Tuesday, February 27, in the South Social Hall for a Pot Luck Dinner. Plan to eat at 12:15PM. Please bring your own table service and a potluck dish. Beverage provided. Joanne Gray from St. Anthony Parish in Zearing will present a program on the Jail Ministry and mentoring after release from incarceration.



POTLUCK
FOR SENIORS

St. Mary Circle will meet for dinner at Café Shi (new location in Northern lights), March 1, 6:00PM.

St. Gerard Circle will meet Thursday, March 1, 7:00PM in the Community Room at Briardale Square. Melanie Cornwell from Mary Kay Flowers and Gifts will do a presentation on Spring Flower Arranging. If you are not currently a member and are interested in attending, please call Carolyn Konechne at 232-3399.

Regulations Regarding Fast & Abstinence

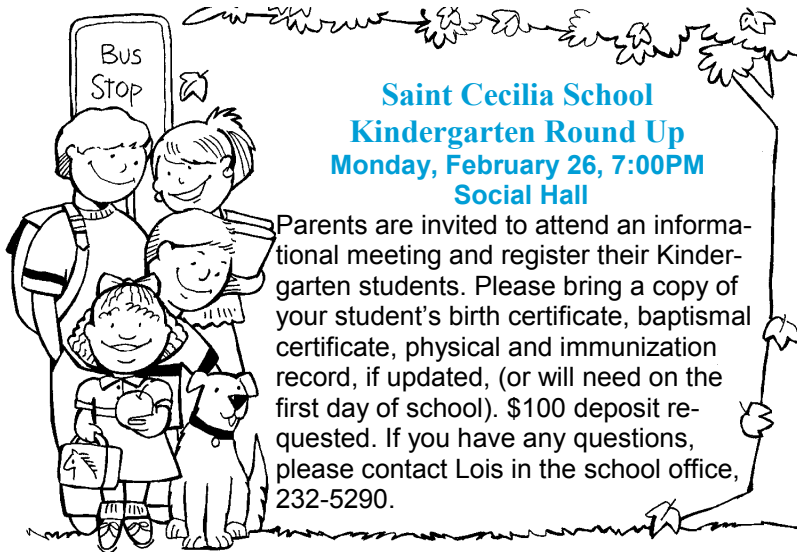
Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old or older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means not eating solid foods between meals. It is limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Two additional smaller meals are permitted; however, the two smaller meals may not equal one full meal.



Fellowship for Parents/Playgroup meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM in the A/Y Room. Contact Jenni Mortimer at 296-1858 or stark-mortimer@yahoo.com or Diana Thatcher at thatchmd@yahoo.com or 292-9511. All are welcome to attend.

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fries
at Saint Cecilia
March 9 & 30**



**Saint Cecilia School
Kindergarten Round Up
Monday, February 26, 7:00PM
Social Hall**

Parents are invited to attend an informational meeting and register their Kindergarten students. Please bring a copy of your student's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, physical and immunization record, if updated, (or will need on the first day of school). \$100 deposit requested. If you have any questions, please contact Lois in the school office, 232-5290.

Stewardship: Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given to me?

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Operation Rice Bowl

As part of our Lenten activities, the parish will participate in **Operation Rice Bowl**, a program initiated by Catholic Relief Services. The rice bowls are included in this bulletin. Home calendars (available in English and Spanish) may be found in baskets in the Church Entrance. Extra Rice Bowls are also available.



This program is based on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. A country and a teaching will be highlighted each week.

This Week's Country: Mexico (Central America)—Many families in Mexico have fallen into the trap of poverty because of low wages and few economic opportunities.

Challenge of the Week: Give 25 cents to Operation Rice Bowl for each member of your family who has a job.

Catholic Teaching Principle: Dignity of the Human Person—All humanity has been made in the image of God. Through our actions, we must express that each person is precious and that the lives and welfare of all people are priorities.



From the Pastor

Presentations were made at each Mass February 3/4 in regard to soliciting funds concerning Financial Tuition Assistance for Saint Cecilia School. The availability of funds to help families to send their children to Saint Cecilia School are in short supply. Anyone who would like to contribute to the Tuition Assistance Fund is asked to put their contributions in an envelope marked, *Saint Cecilia School Tuition Assistance Fund*. Contributions can be put in the weekly collection basket, mailed to or dropped off at the parish office. We thank you for helping those families who desire to send their children to Saint Cecilia School but lack the funds to do so. Thanks!

Fr. Ivan Nienhaus

One Warm Coat Drive

Saint Cecilia Girl Scout Troup 46 is collecting used coats, caps and mittens to be donated to Youth and Shelter Services. Please place donated items in the collection box located near the coat racks in the Gathering Space.

Tuition Assistance Applications Now Available

The Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools are pleased to announce that tuition assistance applications are now available at all local Catholic School offices. The *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization (STO)* offers expanded opportunities for qualifying families to afford the Catholic School of their choice. The STO will be awarding over \$1.34 million to families whose children are enrolled in grades K-12 for the 2007-2008 school year, and whose adjusted gross income is at or below 300% of the federally recognized poverty rate. As an example, a family of four making \$60,000 or less qualifies. The application must be postmarked or electronically submitted by March 1, 2007. All families are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information contact 232-5092.

Prayer for Lent

Dear Jesus, you spent 40 days in the desert before you began your ministry to the world. You restated the temptations offered by the devil, saying no to worldly pleasures and power. Like the prophets before you, 40 days in the desert was preparation for the great mission of your life. As Lent begins, help us to make our lives pure and holy. Give us the grace to willingly make our own self-denials into personal deserts, which will prepare us for your work. Purify our souls in the crucible of the Lenten season, and make our hearts acceptable to you and your Father.

Rita M. Howe Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a Catholic graduating high school senior within the Marshalltown Deanery who is active in their parish and planning to further their education at a two or four year post secondary institution of the student's choice. This \$500 scholarship has been established in loving memory of Rita M. Howe whose priorities in life were faith, family, and education. She was an active, longtime member of Sacred Heart Church in St. Anthony, Iowa. Application forms are available in the Parish or Religious Education Office. Application deadline is April 15.

First Sunday of Lent Luke 4:1-13

Can you ignore commercials? Driving down the road, do you look past billboards to the scenery of the landscape? Can you easily toss away the relentless stream of mailed advertisements? Temptations are everywhere; home improvements, nicer clothes, tasty meals in restaurants. Of course, companies who sell goods and services have an obligation to themselves to let us know what they have available. But our obligation is to be able to discriminate between our needs and our wants, not always an easy task.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are given the Gospel reading from Luke of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Remember that it wasn't until after he had fasted and prayed for 40 days that Satan attempted to take advantage of what he thought might be Jesus' weakness -- hunger -- only to be refused. Satan then promised him rule over all the kingdoms of the world, yet Jesus was there to offer the greatest kingdom, that of God, to all of humankind. Not a single temptation existed on Earth that could sway him from his mission.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer. The fifth, "Lead us not into temptation," asks of God to give us the strength to stay away from the paths that lead us to sin (CCC 2863). Looking to the example Jesus gave us in the desert, we must find deep within our hearts the vigilance to lead a faith-filled life, free from the temptations of this world.

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Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION ONE "I BELIEVE"—"WE BELIEVE"

CHAPTER ONE: MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD

IV. How Can We Speak About God? - Paragraph 44: Man is by nature and vocation a religious being. Coming from God, going toward God, Man lives a fully human life only if he freely lives by his bond with God.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

The St. Thomas Parish Knights of Columbus will provide their first Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, March 2. To help them plan, please sign up on the sheet located near the bulletin board in our East Corridor if you plan to attend.

Fish Fry and Meatless Pasta Supper
March 2, Serving 5-7:00PM in the Lower Lounge



Adults: \$7, Ages 4-College student: \$3, 3 & under: free or \$15 per family

Menu: Fish, meatless pasta, baked potato, green beans, cole slaw, roll, beverages.

COMMUNITY

Volunteers Needed as a companion for a quadriplegic gentleman.

Close to DMACC, Boone Campus. Call 515-432-5936 or 733-2759 after 6:00PM.

Please remember in your prayers:

LENA MARTIN, mother of Flo Crow, and **ROY WISE-MAN**, father of Doug Wiseman who recently passed away. May the Lord grant peace and consolation to their families in their time of need. May they and all who sleep in Christ, find in God's presence, light, happiness and peace.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 24

5:00PM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Sunday, February 25

8:30AM: Paul & Irene Maggio

10:30AM: Melvina Wasel

5:00PM: Anton Uthe

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Tuesday, February 27

7:00AM: Chris Pasqualetti

Wednesday, February 28

7:00AM: Magdalene Walsh

9:00AM: Mary Oberg

Thursday, March 1

7:00AM: Jack Gehm

Friday, March 2

7:00AM: Robert Myers

Saturday, March 3

8:30AM: Caroline Peterson

5:00PM: Michael Rolling

Sunday, March 4

8:30AM: Saint Cecilia Parishioners

10:30AM: Sr. Marilyn Whitty

5:00PM: Veronica Ryan

(Misa en Español, Chapel)

Prayer Opportunities

(Held in the Chapel)

Scriptural Rosary: Monday, 7:00AM

Evening Prayer: Monday—Friday, 5:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration: The chapel is open for adoration.

Intercessory Prayer Group: Sunday, 9-10:00PM

Rosary: Monday, 7:30PM, and Tuesday-Friday

before 7:00AM Mass. The rosary is said for Pro-life the first Monday of each month.

Christians in the Spirit: Tuesday, 7:15-9:00PM

Saturday Morning Prayer: 7:00AM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Friday, 3:00PM

(The Chaplet takes about 10 minutes to recite. St.

Faustina, who was declared a saint in 2000, stated "The 3:00 hour is the 'Hour of Great Mercy' for the graces we most need." Everyone is welcome.)

Readings for the Week of February 25, 2007

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15p

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36